

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Flour has dropped \$2 a barrel, and is now selling on the local market at \$13.50.

If we are really a strong nation, the time has come to show some of our strength in dealing with spies.

Secretary McAdoo will speak in Louisville June 11, the day the Kentucky Press Association meets there.

Berlin, Wis., wants to change its name. The Indian name "Mascoutin" is favored by many of the citizens.

National chairmen of both parties have agreed to work both organizations in getting out the registration Tuesday.

A dozen people, four or five of them women, have been arrested at Kansas City for plotting to prevent military registration.

Italy's great poet was in the battle of San Giovanni Thursday, and showed that the sword sometimes is mightier than the pen.

Evansville bakers have set June 11 as the day to stop making a 5-cent loaf, just about the time the government will be ready to step in and stop them from selling a 5-cent loaf for 10 cents.

The senate finance committee has decided to raise in the war tax bill \$80,000,000 by a consumption tax of two cents a pound on coffee, five on tea, half a cent on sugar and three cents on cocoa.

The Secretary of Commerce is to become the official fisher of the United States. He can find plenty of conscripts between the ages of 31 and 71 in Hopkinsville, with more or less training for their official duties and a general knowledge of the best bait to use.

ASHAMED OF HIS GOVERNMENT

Greek Secretary at Washington Hands in His Resignation.

Washington, June 1.—S. X. Constantinidi, First Secretary of the Greek legation here, presented his papers of resignation to the State Department and announced his allegiance to the forces of Venizelos. His action, because of his long connection with the Greek Foreign Office, gave the diplomatic corps a shock.

Mr. Constantinidi declared he had been discontented with being connected with King Constantine's Government ever since the United States declared war.

"As I see it," he said, "it is the duty of every humane and honest man to arraign himself on the side of America and the Entente. The whole terrible situation has narrowed down to a simple question of humanity and civilization against German barbarity and bestiality of a type almost beyond human belief. When a nation of people calling themselves civilized human beings begin to sink hospital ships, murder women and children and use their dead for manure it is time for all decent men to turn their faces away."

Secret Wireless Found.

Seattle, Wash., June 1.—A timber cruiser residing in Seattle has reported to United States authorities here that a secret wireless plant is in operation on Elk Creek in the Olympic Forest Reserve, about twenty-four miles from the Pacific ocean. The cruiser reported that materials for the wireless plant were taken into the Queen's country in the summer of 1915. Three Germans bore the stuff on their backs over trails that horses could not have traveled, the cruiser said. About 800 pounds of material were carried in.

BIG MEETING AT THE PARK

Thursday Night to Boost the Sale of the Liberty Bonds.

STIRRING SPEECHES MADE

Large Number Have Already Subscribed For Bonds.

Hopkinsville and Christian county reached its highest point Thursday night at the mass meeting at Virginia Park. More than 500 people were present despite the many other attractions.

Messrs F. F. Walters, Jno. Stites, Alvan Clark, Jno. C. Duffy, Jas. A. McKenzie, G. L. Campbell and C. R. Clark made stirring speeches. Mr. Ira L. Smith presided over the ceremonies. The talks were earnest appeals to every man to do his part to help win the war and spoken were from the heart.

The sentiment of the people was expressed when one of the speakers said, "a candidate who has never given a son to the army or does not wear a Liberty Bond button need not apply for my vote."

The farmer especially should buy bonds. He is exempt from military service, his sons are exempt and he gets top prices for his crops. The least he can do for his country is to buy a bond.

The people of Christian county might take some pointers from a community of German peasants in Pennsylvania. In this community is a German bank. This bank took its whole pro rata of Liberty Bonds in a single day. The people of the community say they came to America to escape Prussian militarism and have given and will give again of their money and are willing to die if necessary to preserve the honor of the United States.

FRANK RIVES IN THE RACE

Candidate For the Democratic Nomination For Senator.



FRANK RIVES.

Frank Rives, who was a member of the State Senate from this district 12 years ago, is today announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator. During his former term he was active as a prohibition leader and helped to frame the county unit bill, which has since been amended.

This is Christian county's time to furnish the Democratic candidate, according to a long standing custom, the two counties taking turn about, and Mr. Rives is the third entry. The others are W. R. Howell, former commonwealth's attorney in this judicial district, and H. A. Robinson, a prominent young citizen of this place.

VILLISTAS TAKE BORDER TOWN

U. S. Troops Patrol Presidio While Across River Rebel Cavalrymen Operating.

PANCHO NOT IN ATTACK

Rebels Loot Homes After Two Hours Battle Gives Them Victory.

Presidio, Texas, May 30.—Francis Covilla holds a border post opposite an American town and again United States troops are patrolling the border while Villa cavalrymen are operating on the southern bank of the Rio Grande.

At 5 o'clock Wednesday morning approximately 200 Villa fellows dashed into the little border town of Ojinaga, opposite here shouting "Viva Villa," and shooting right and left as they rode. Only a handful of Mexican government forces occupied the town. Gen. G. Figuero, Gen. Garcia and Col. Riojas having gone out Sunday night to engage the Villa command which was encamped at La Muela pass, thirty-five miles south of the border. These forces are expected to return tonight in an effort to drive the Villa troops from the town. Fifty of the government force of seventy-five men in Ojinaga succeeded in escaping across the river to Presidio. Women and children followed behind them, carrying babies and bundles. Of the 25 government soldiers remaining 16 were killed during the fighting, six were taken prisoners and three wounded.

REBELS LOOT HOMES.

The battle lasted two hours, after which the shops and homes of the Ojinaga residents were looted.

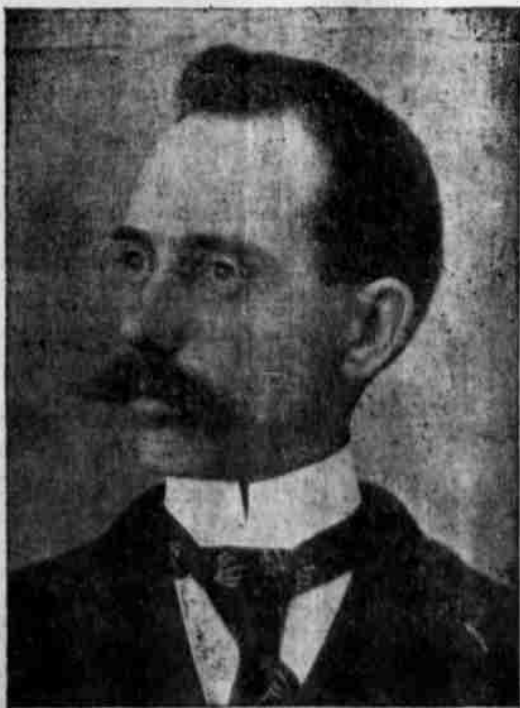
Whether Villa was with his troops has not been confirmed. No one was permitted to cross to the Mexican side tonight. Mexicans coming to the American side say they heard reports of Villa's presence in the town but none of the refugees had seen him.

Chico Cano led the Villa forces into the plaza. Martin Lopez, Jose Ynez Salazar and Carlos Montoya were reported to have been with him in the attack.

Reports of a fight yesterday between 600 rebels and government troops under Generals Garcia and Figuero, fifteen miles southeast of La Muela pass and fifty miles below the border, were brought here today by refugee Mexicans. They said the government forces suffered heavy losses and were forced to retire.

BETHEL TO BOOM IN FALL

New President Is Getting Ready For a Vigorous Campaign.



Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Gabby have moved into Bethel College and are busy putting the premises in thorough order and are about ready to begin reserving rooms for the fall session and getting things ready for a vigorous summer campaign for students. Prof. Gabby has about closed a trade for a farm near town and will raise much of his own produce for the school, which will be backed by ample capital. A strong faculty is being engaged and the catalogue will soon be issued.

ATTACKING FOE ANNIHILATED

Austrians Attempt to Retake San Giovanni From the Brave Italians.

GERMANS RAID TRENCHES

In Champagne Foe is Hurlled From Vantage Ground Previously Gained.

The Austrians, in their attempts to recapture San Giovanni, on the southern portion of the Carso plateau, came into a terrible hand to hand fight with the Italians. Among the Italians was Gabriel D'Annunzio, the poet and playwright, whose word and example animated the soldiers in the heroic struggle which resulted in the annihilation of the enemy.

A state of virtual inaction prevails on all the war fronts. In only one theater has there been any fighting worthy of note. This was in the Champagne region of France, where the French, counter-attacking heavily against positions northeast of Mount Haut, where Wednesday night the Germans in a violent offensive had captured trench elements, drove out the Teutons Thursday and re-established their former front in its entirety.

To the west, in the region lying between Rheims and Soissons, there has been a continuation of the spirited artillery duels on various sectors.

The intensive fighting along the southern portion of the Austro-Italian front has apparently entirely ceased for the moment, the Italians probably being engaged in consolidating positions won and in bringing up their guns for further operations in their campaign against Trieste. Along the Isonzo line only artillery duels have been in progress, owing to bad weather conditions.

Italians Take Albanian Villages

There has been a renewal of activity by the Italians in Albania and several villages in the southern part of this theater have been taken and held successfully against counter attacks of the Teutonic allies. Eastward on the entire Macedonia front artillery duels are in progress.

An indication of the heavy fighting during the month of April is given in an official British statement of casualties during this period, showing that 112,233 British soldiers were killed, wounded or made prisoners. Included in the aggregate are 5,902 officers.

FOOD HOARDING MAY BE FELONY

Adopts Amendment Providing Prison Sentence for Storage to Inflate Prices.

BLOW TO FOOD GAMBLING

Secretary of Commerce to Be Authorized to Catch and Market Fish.

Washington, June 1.—Hoarding, storage or destruction of food, fuel or other necessities of life to limit supply to affect prices would be a felony under an amendment to the government's first food bill adopted in the senate today without a record vote.

Several senators protested that the provision was too drastic and would prevent legitimate storing to equalize markets but all efforts to modify it failed. When Senator Fall proposed that the federal trade commission be empowered to decide whether storing is reasonable, Senator Poindexter, author of the amendment, insisted that any such change would weaken the effectiveness of the measure as a weapon against speculation.

Violation of the section would be punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than six months nor more than three years. Holding by farmers or others of the products of land cultivated by them is exempted.

Consideration of the administration bill, which provides for a food supply and stimulation of production, neared the final stage today but the introduction of a number of amendments shortly before adjournment probably will prevent a final vote before Saturday.

An amendment which would authorize the secretary of commerce to take steps to promote more general use of fish to relieve the food stringency, was offered by Fletcher. It would permit the secretary to catch and market fish.

WILL FOLLOW THE FLAG.

James Hodges.
Lawson N. Chottes.
Vernon Howard.
Lon M. Graves.
Robert E. Ramage.
Burnice Richardson.
John Hasson.
Lonnie Lawrence.

EARLY PATRIOTS.

The following residents of Hopkinsville have already registered by mail in Cadiz: Elijah Felix, of Cerulean Springs; Henry Virgil Barefield, of Montgomery.

BOLT FROM THE SKY

Killed Charley Griffey, a Colored Farm Hand, Yesterday.

During the thunderstorm yesterday morning, Charles Griffey, a colored hand on Mr. Ernest Coleman's farm, four miles southeast of the city, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Griffey was coming from the field, and was struck when in about 40 yards of his house. He was about 40 years old and leaves a wife.

HIGH COST OF PAPER.

The Evansville Courier has advanced its subscription rates to \$5 by mail and \$7 by carrier. The Henderson Gleaner has raised to \$4 by mail and \$7 by carrier. The Kentuckian still costs you \$2 a year.

TO PROBE HIGH PRICES

Second District Council Perfects Organization.

ADDRESSES DELIVERED

Mass Meetings Monday Night In all Precincts.

OFFICERS OF COUNCIL
Judge W. T. Fowler, president
of Hopkinsville.
F. J. Pentecost, secretary.
F. M. Hutchison, assistant secretary.

The national council of defense of the Second Congressional district of Kentucky met in Henderson Thursday and perfected a permanent organization. Every county in the district, with the exception of McLean, was represented.

The members present were:
Christian—Judge W. T. Fowler, R. E. Cooper, S. L. Cowherd.
Hopkins—Judge J. Fletcher Dempsey.

Webster—Thos. M. Hankins.
Union—Jack Young.
Hancock—Sam Gregory.
Davies—John Dean, Wm. Bridenbach.

Henderson—A. G. Crutchfield, Rev. Robert N. Ward, F. J. Pentecost.

FACING GRAVE CRISIS.

The keynote of every speaker was that the American people have not realized the seriousness of the situation now confronting the United States. The production of an increased acreage of food crops, conservation of the foods, cheaper fuel, purchasing of liberty bonds and the duty of men between the ages of 21 and 31 to register next Tuesday, June 5, were the points brought out.

The public meeting was held at the city council chamber at 1:30 o'clock. Several citizens of this and other counties attended the session.

HUMAN GREED.

Judge J. Fletcher Dempsey of Hopkins county, made the bold statement that "nothing but human greed" was responsible for the inflated prices of coal. He said he hailed from the largest coal producing county in Western Kentucky and knew something about the coal industry.

BIG ADVANCES.

"Coal operators are solely responsible for the almost prohibitive prices of coal," said Judge Dempsey. "They have advanced their miners from 10 to 20 per cent. in wages lately, but at the same time advanced coal prices from 100 to 200 per cent."

SHORT ADDRESSES.

Short addresses were delivered by Judge Fowler, Rev. Ward, Sam Gregory, G. T. Wyatt, S. L. Cowherd and Jack Young. All pledged themselves to get busy in their respective counties and hold precinct mass meetings next Monday night for the purpose of advising the people regarding registration and other matters under consideration.

COOPER SPEAKS.

R. E. Cooper, of Hopkinsville, stated the purpose of the meeting by declaring that the people of the United States must grow more food crops this year and conserve it better than ever before. He said every liberty-loving citizen should purchase a "Liberty Bond" and that if a man were too old to follow the flag he could be just as good a patriot by purchasing bonds, as the younger man who donned a khaki uniform. He said that next Tuesday, June 5, should be made a holiday in the United States when men between the ages of 21 and 31 are required to register. He pointed out the mistakes of England and said America would profit by those mistakes.